



Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting
Frenchville Town Office Conference Room
Thursday, February 4, 2016 6:30 P.M.

Present: Ryan E Pelletier, Percy Thibeault, Craig Lawrence,
 Jamie Voisine, John Ezzy, Clarence Roy

Others: Eric Blanchette, Michael Michaud, Robert Ouellet, Danna Dubois

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Percy Thibeault.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Public Comment Period:**

Time Opened **6:33 PM** Time Closed **6.34PM**

4. **Minutes of January 19, 2016:** A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Clarence Roy to accept the January 19, 2015 minutes. All in favor. APPROVED.

5. **Warrants, expenses, and payroll:** The following warrants were approved and signed.

Warrant Batch Date	A/P	Payroll
01/21/2016		4
01/28/2016		5
01/28/2016	110 (for 2015)	
02/01/2016	6	
02/04/2016		7

6. Unfinished Business:

- A. C. L. Roy Scrap Yard Permit: Robert Ouellet, Code Enforcement Officer, was available to discuss the DEP permit received on 1/19/2016. Mr. Ouellet has no issues with the application or permit. CL Roy was advised that they are all set to proceed as a Junkyard and Scrap Metal business. Craig Lawrence made a motion to approve. Clarence Roy abstained from voting. Seconded by John Ezzy. All in favor. APPROVED.
- B. Town of St. Agatha Sewer: Town Manager provided a letter from the town's attorney confirming that the Mediation process has begun.
- C. Sewer Budget: Discussion regarding using Capital Improvement funds to meet Mr. Young's list of "needs". Budget to be reviewed with entire budget later.
- D. Plow Truck: Public Works Foreman, Eric Blanchette, updated the board on the research on lease vs loans, interest rates and terms based on a \$175,000 unit. Discussed benefits of Freightliner would be Al Ouellette being certified by Freightliner of Maine which is where most of truck repairs are presently done. All in agreement that Freightliner would be better option. Craig Lawrence made a motion to go with Freightliner. Clarence Roy seconded. All in favor. APPROVED.
- E. Snow Pusher: Town Manager received a call from principal of Dr. Levesque School complimenting the good job done with the driveway this morning which was done with the newly leased snow pusher which also saved plowing time from 2 ½ hour to 1 hour. Selectmen signed a lease agreement with the intent to purchase once approved at the town meeting.

7. New Business:

- A. Code Enforcement Officer: Request the lawyer has 30 days to inspect the dilapidated building. Fire Chief, Michael Michaud, has been approached by local citizens who have safety concerns regarding the building. It is believed that electricity is still active in the leaking building. Recommend that letter be sent to Jeff Ashby to pay attention to safety issues when he visits the property. Also recommended that Fire State Marshall should be inspecting.
- B. TIF- BETE Programs: Town Manager informed Selectmen that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 8 at 11:30 am for TIF and BETE programs. Also gave brief explanation of how these programs work and could benefit the Town of Frenchville. Applications are due by February 28. Alain Ouellette from NMDC has offered to make a presentation explaining the programs in more detail to the Selectmen and towns people. John Ezzy recommended February 16 at 6:00 pm with the Board Meeting following. Craig Lawrence motioned to bring program to March 22nd town meeting and have it available afterwards. John Ezzy seconded. All in favor. APPROVED
- C. Acadia FCU Proposal: Town Clerk, Danna disclosed that Key Bank fees in 2015 was over \$1500. Also, Chase credit card has an annual fee of \$95.

Acadia FCU can provide us with the same service for free. They also have credit cards with no annual fees. Another benefit of changing the account over would be saving on Clerk mileage because Acadia FCU has a branch in St. Agatha. The Town of Frenchville has a contract with Key Bank which we can cancel with a 60 day notice. It is agreed that the new accounts should be opened at Acadia FCU so the credit card system may be setup with the correct account immediately. We will begin the transition over to Acadia FCU over the next 60 days. John Ezzy made a motion to approve. Craig Lawrence seconded. All in favor. APPROVED.

- D. Fire Department Budget: Final budget was presented. John Ezzy made a motion to approve. Jamie Voisine seconded. All in favor. APPROVED.
- E. Summary of Road Options: Public Works Foreman, Eric Blanchette presented the selectmen with three options regarding road projects for 2016 going into 2017. All options are regarding Church Road, Starbarn Road, Pelletier (paved) Road Pelletier (gravel) Roads. One option is to prepare all the earthwork required to be completed prior to pavement being placed. Other two options includes paving with different thickness and including earthwork. LRAP funds to be used to maintain all roads. Discussion to be continued at a future meeting.
- F. Budget Review: Selectmen reviewed the budget. A few changes were recommended which the Town Clerk will modify tomorrow morning and email revised budget to the selectmen.

8. Other Business:

A. EMS: Percy recommended setup for AED in the entrance. Doors and cameras were discussed. To be discussed further.

B. Annual Town Book Theme: Percy recommended the Heritage Park. John Ezzy

made a motion to approve. Craig Lawrence seconded. ALL IN FAVOR.

C. VRF Inc: Frenchville currently has one delegate on the VRF Board and other towns currently have two. Frenchville may nominate a second delegate. Ryan is administrator. John Ezzy made a motion recommending a second delegate be

chosen. Craig Lawrence seconded.

9. Future Meeting Dates:

February 16, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Frenchville Town Office
February 18, 2016 at 6:30pm with the Budget Committee at the Frenchville Town Office

- 10. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM. Motioned by Clarence Roy, seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. APPROVED.
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Tabled Items

1. Sewer Ordinance.
2. Road Improvement
3. Junk Yard Ordinance

2016 Town Meeting Items

1. Pelletier Roadway Fund Transfer
2. Town Revaluation Presentation for approval